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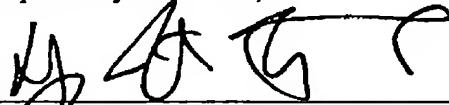
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2005. Certain claims have been cancelled, without prejudice to including them in a later-filed continuation application.

The claims herein have been amended to include language similar to that which the Examiner stated the original claims lacked. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the earlier claims do not call for "the rib having an inner diameter to encircle and clamp a neck portion of an ampoule having specific size or of specific type." Accordingly, the claims have been amended to include language requiring a rib with an inner diameter such that the rib is capable of clamping a neck portion of an ampoule. No new matter is presented by this amendment. In addition to the differences discussed in previous responses, the amended claims herein have additional differences over the prior art, including the new limitation added by the amendment. Therefore, Applicant submits that the claims are patentable.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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